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25 July 1956 Memorandum from Emigre Relations Advisor to Director,
Political Affairs Division, re: Conversation with Dr. Walter RINKE,
Bundestag delegate and member of Foreign Committee.

Para 9: RINKE has high hopes for the establishment of a full-fledged Eastern Division (Abteilung) of the Foreign Office. Such an Abteilung would be composed of 20-100 people which is the average size of such a division. Presently, this section is only composed of a referat, which is a further breakdown of an Abteilung. In the projected Abteilung there will be a referat for the emigration, for which von Mende is being considered as chairman.

20 July 1956 Memorandum as above re: NATSPRE Delegation Trip to Bonn and Duesseldorf.

Intro Para: F. T. Lebedev called today to make a report on the NATSPRE delegation visit to Bonn. The group which included Lebedev, chairman, Eudanov, Wolf, and Zurikov, left Munich on the night of Monday, July 2nd, and returned to Munich on Friday, July 6th. The visits which are described were arranged by Professor von Mende's office.

Para 7: Professor von Mende's office in Duesseldorf.

The delegation had a long talk with Mr. von Mende and his two assistants, Messrs. Konrad and Schenk. Following the talk they were invited to dinner by Professor von Mende.

The talk covered all aspects of the emigration including the NATSPRE congress, SECNA activities, the general mood of the emigration, etc. Professor von Mende expressed particular interest in the work of NATSPRE and emphasized that the organization should take a more active part in keeping alive the anti-Bolshevik spirit of the emigration as well as in the defense of the emigration against the Soviet repatriation campaign. Professor von Mende emphasized that the Germans could not work with SPRE, the Artsiuk equivalent of NATSPRE, but that it is in every way desirable to cooperate with NATSPRE. Von Mende made no promises, but stated that his office might be in a position to help NATSPRE on certain special projects.

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Following the delegation's return to Munich, Mr. Konrad of Professor von Mende's office visited Munich and paid a call on Lebedev. He said that the purpose of his visit was to inform NATSPRI that its delegation had made a fine impression at the various ministries in Bonn as well as at Professor von Mende's Office in Duesseldorf. He said, "You did a good job."

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